

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Matt Denison, Kay Garry, Major Sherri Knight, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Director Dennis Smith, Fire Chief Matt Juliott, Street Dept Director Mickey Thompson, Deputy City Clerk Mindy Milburn, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Flood control Director Ron Granger, David Hall, Animal Control, Shane Gibson City Attorney.

Also Present: Brian Dixon & Jerry Taylor EMC

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Denison called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 CW Thomas & Kenny Lynch with Southside re: parking in front of Southside Inn.

Mr. Thomas stated that he has the measurements on the street and alley and they are here to request that they want to be able to park in this area with 2 hour parking. He explained that he brought a petition with over 400 signatures.

Mr. Denison stated that in front of the restaurant near a telephone pole a sign was posted stating no parking anytime and they had some complaints about semi-trucks trying to make that turn. He stated that this is just a replacement sign so that it didn't have to come board this board and he understands that there were some concerns about carry-out customers and deliveries getting ticketed. He explained that they worked it out with traffic and the police to give them some lead way but to make that two hour parking they would have to take a serious look at that situation.

Mr. Thomas asked if there is a sign that could read something other than "no parking" because it is really hurting his carry-out sales and he has been tracking to see what kind of impact it will have.

Mr. Denison stated that he would love to have a copy of their plans and make a decision that is fair to everyone that is downtown and they would take it under advisement and then get in contact with them to work something out but as of right now they are comfortable having a clear sign there that states no parking.

Mrs. Garry moved to take their plans under advisement, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item # 2 Marcey Wisman, on behalf of Mt. Saint Francis re: Banner permit for August 4 – September 2 at Spring and Vincennes.

Mrs. Garry moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor

Item #3 Brian Dixon re: approval of Sewer Board Invoices.

Mr. Dixon explained that the claims are already passed due and because the Sewer Board has canceled its first two meeting he is bringing them to the board to get approval because if they wait until the first meeting in February they will be over a month late.

Mrs. Garry stated that those claims also come before the board to be approved even if they are approved by the Sewer Board.

Mr. Gibson asked to see a copy of the invoices and asked if there was anything out of the ordinary in these and he doesn't see a problem with the board approving them so that they don't get behind and the Board of Works has to approve them anyway. He explained that once the new Sewer Board is appointed they can come back and ratifying the claims.

Mr. Dixon stated that there was nothing new in these and he just needs some guidance on where to go from here until the new Sewer Board is approved.

Mrs. Garry stated that they will approve them on the 22nd

Item #4 Brian Dixon re: Main Street and E. 10th Street

Mr. Dixon stated that he has a structure that he needs to cut open the street in order to fix the junction box. He explained that he is not closing 10th Street and only part of 10th street. He stated that he would like to start as soon as possible and it should only take one to two days

Mrs. Garry made a motion to approve the request to cut into 10th Street for two days, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor

Item #5 Dennis Smith re: Carry Out pick up only sign for Southside

Mr. Denison stated that they would hold off on this and address everything at once

Item #7 Dennis Smith re; alley at rear of Burton Avenue and Locust Street Light in alley

Mr. Smith stated that they looked at this yesterday and they could probably use another street light there, he talked to Duke Energy and the Clerk's office has to fax on letter head about which pole number it goes on and where they would want the light.

Mr. Denison stated that he contacted them and explained their procedures and asked what exactly they would need and he hasn't heard back and as soon as he did from a procedural standpoint he would let them know what was said. He stated that they need to standardize the street light request just like they are trying to do with all banners.

Mrs. Garry stated that this has not been the practice of the board in the past to put lights in the alleys because they have to pay for that electric. She stated that she would like to take this under advisement.

Mrs. Garry made a motion to take this under advisement, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #8 Matt Denison re: Firefighter Jason T. Werle PERF Certification

Mr. Gibson stated that they certified the new fire fighters with PERF and Mr. Werle's came back with an exclusion. He explained that it did not affect his ability to be a fire fighter and in his opinion they just needed a motion acknowledging the exclusion and re-certify him with PERF

Mrs. Garry made a motion to re-certify to PERF that Jason Werle is a firefighter subject to their exclusion, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 Dennis Smith, on behalf of Rhonda Clark re: school crossing on McDonald Avenue for children leaving Fairmont Elementary.

Officer Smith stated that they are working on this and he will bring it back to the board when he has some more information.

Item #2 Matt Denison re: street light and road sign on Blackiston Blvd. and Charlestown Rd.

Mr. Denison stated that they had a request from Mr. Kessings and he spoke with him last week and he would like an overhead street sign but they do not see anyway to do this at that intersection.

Mr. Thompson stated that they do have a street light there and was told by the state to hold off on the stop light because the Purdue Extension is going in there and it will be addressed during that construction period.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Taylor stated that the last of the catch basin grates would be finished up today and that should be in a good position for the next rain event. He explained that on Lyons Lane they had an improvement being made out there and they plated it and they will be asphaltting in the future. He stated that the crews are out making repairs on storm water basins and underground piping.

Mr. Granger asked what city official is over the Greenway Project.

Mr. Denison stated that the Mayor sits on the board and Scott Wood sits in on the meetings but he doesn't know that any one person is over it.

Mr. Granger stated that they have all the new keys to the boxes to shut the power down and he needs to get in contact with someone that can get him access to the keys.

Mr. Denison told him to get in contact with Mr. Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Denison, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk